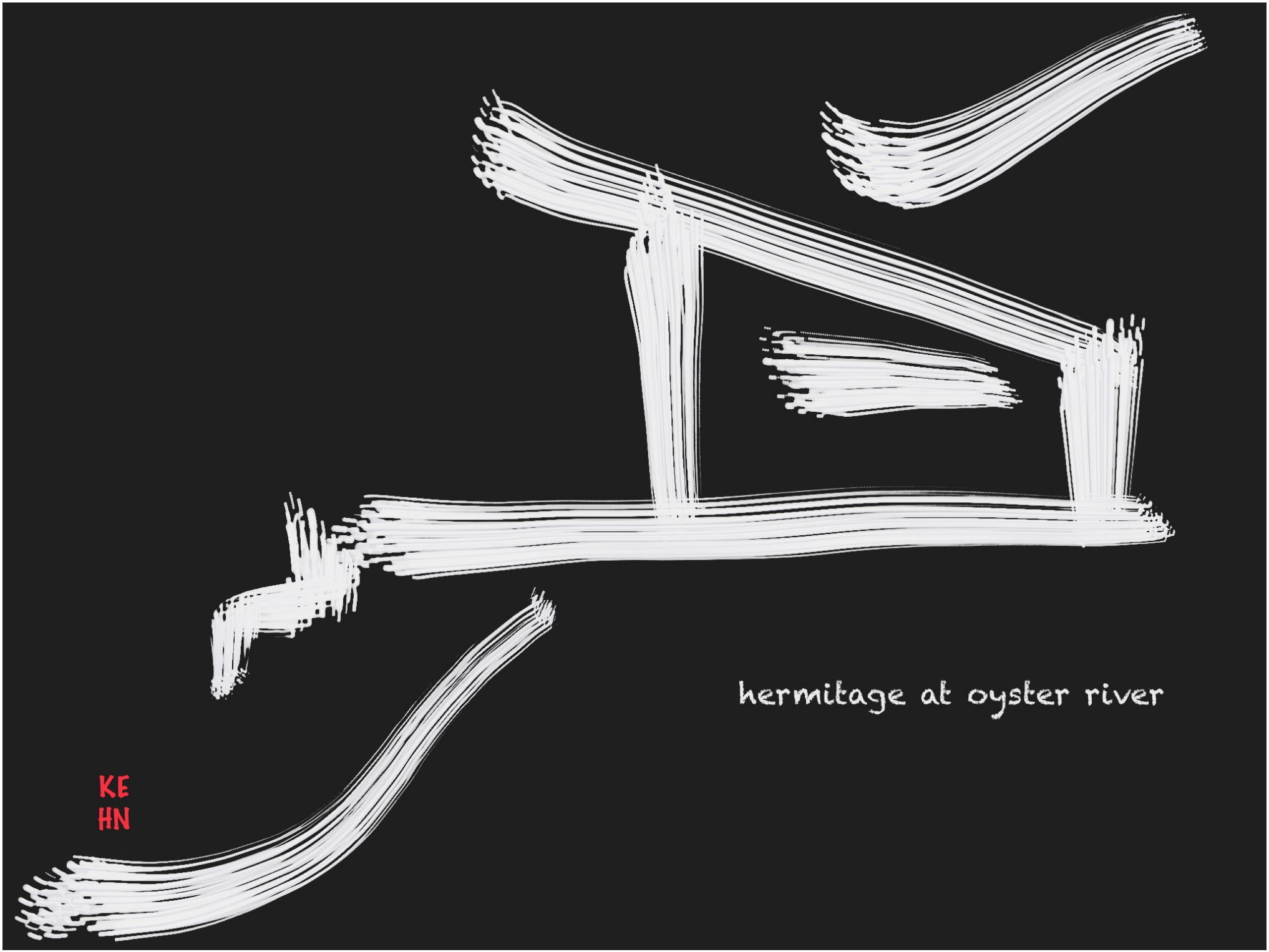
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IN THE HERMITAGE

2023

- amid a rain-forest becoming a desert becoming insignificant
- a breeze / maple leaves hovering like kites
- still trapped in trappings
- crack! crack! weathered siding expanding
- open window —the breeze brings in childhood
- adornment here? how absurd!
- depleter benefits waning —farewell 'abundance'
- tastes of here were sweeter away
- anticipation / mover/shaker / a dead stop
- oneway / a way? / oneway
- dark night / cloud of unknowing —both illuminating

- how much before impacts us
- cloud tree / fir tree / enchanting dimension
- uprooted again —culture chaff
- anaphora seeking —the thrush's trill will do
- yesterday's sweetpea scent
- thrush's trill —low front harbinger
- piercing ideas of the mind come to mind
- sky gazing, blue white green —vulture glides thru
- practice keeps changing
- for prayer finally rain this afternoon
- transfigured / light / death
- more humilty ahead
- sweet/sour composition —in the dead hemlock a thrush piping
- concerning? spring and summer turn to endurance

AM SPRING

2023

- grey outside / bright dogwood bloom / joyful inside
- the colour green one thousandfold rain-drenched
- sow-bug on the window-screen finding its way
- white rapids —the river looks busy
- dogwood blooms in soft light follow the way
- ill today I push my body to move
- towhee's buzzy trill my motivation
- the bird chorus not yet begun —I begin
- waiting for meditation participants —no early arrivals
- still air / groggy thinking / rushing river
- my birthday! —it dawns on me / river still rushing

- summer arrives in spring —where to next?
- head pain —a day in bed
- soft air / nothing astir outside only inside
- hoping for rain surrounded by a drying forest
- holding treasure, not holding treasure —cherishing neither
- spring returns / excepting impermanence more and more
- empty mind / nothing to write
- chilly / head aches / going back to bed
- frustrated / prolonging the inevitable / head-pain
- hovering / belonging nowhere / no place to land
- feeling empty hoping it will fill me
- dumping knowledge —anchor-lines still apparent
- raven alert caws / a vulture sits silent in the fir tree
- a square peg in round systems / systems becoming redundant
- empty —the space around me suggests otherwise

- a mountain vocation everyone's calling most don't hear
- maintaining the unsustainable —how to be in it?
- reflective mode doesn't stand a chance with me today
- dry and grey —a pall or simply change?
- there are always things now / drowning in other eras
- dry and windy / waiting for rain / a thrush pipes out
- on opening the curtain, a swallowtail butterfly on purple lobelia
- thrush dominant in the morning chorus —an edenic corridor
- still / grey / bird chorus distant
- finally rain —its arrival humbling
- late morning / head-pain / not looking forward to the week
- soft grey day / relaxed / not wanting visitors
- no words / just being / more visitors today
- summer nears / spring returns / seasons within seasons
- grey / calm / waiting for rain

- being / wanting to be / a natural reject
- defeated —not even climbing mountains
- cool air / dry / bee visits tiny blooms
- spring's pall / grey / dry
- feeling ill —vaccine shot yesterday
- still air —thrush's trill the only movement
- amused —my habits becoming redundant

AM SUMMER

2023

- dry / still / only sound moving
- on opening the curtain, leaf spinning down the sunlit flood-plain
- dry / high humidity / more or less floating
- towhee tap taps at its water-pail image
- dry / calm / happy to be empty
- cloud covering —pathetic hopes for rain / river low
- deciduous leaves falling in July / eclectic seasons
- blah —want to be free from maintaining
- woodpecker's tap tap tap / songbird's sweet notes
- awake rested / strong breeze / still dry
- dry / dry / dry

- dry long summer already
- a lesson in being —anger
- clouds / dry / birds quiet
- sunlight streaming / river running low
- woodpecker drums / thrush roll calls / kinglet titch titches
- cloudy / dry / still
- prickly / uprooted / where next?
- shedding a skin too slowly
- sore head / no rain / thrush's trill
- miscalculate / mishaps / miffed
- calm / bright / dry
- a sprinkle of rain —waiting for a flood of joy
- water-pail in new location, still the towhee tap taps
- calm / cloudy / cavernous thoughts
- sunny / cloudy / hopes of rain

- rain last night —still hoping for more
- pain / pain / pain
- still / grey / calm
- bright / still / busyness later
- mind full —looking forward to outpour
- clouds / calm before the visitors
- no rain / hope evaporating into humility
- quenched —last night a wee rain shower
- time standing still
- overcast / surprised by a little rain
- calm / overcast / no bird chorus
- bright sun / again summer dig
- only sound in the distance
- calm / bright sunrise / nuthatch eink eink
- cloud —rain promising / kingfisher clatter

- still / calm / dry
- a sprinkle of rain and slugs appear on the lane
- finally rain / hallelujah hallelujah
- calm / clouds hover / birds quiet
- moss —a green altar once again
- impending heatwave worrying
- breeze / bright / dusty and dry
- dry earth / sanding dust / dust oppression
- sitting early in the cool air
- warm air / pain / wishing to be dust
- wispy clouds / dust / nervous calm
- wind / light and shadows / the trees sway
- discontent —tho it's the way / uncomfortable
- dry / dust / wanting to be dust
- the rising sun —a red orb hanging

- pain / dry / woe
- grey / dry / unexpected visitor
- not content but must be
- forest fire smoke / hot air / oppressed
- shifting / trapped / blind faith
- scattered / can't move / weary
- grey / a bit of rain / oppression lifts
- becoming more a hermit
- morning routine changing
- plateauing / pulling away
- shifting / shifting / shifting
- still hoping for rain
- last night small amount of rain
- autumn in the air
- forecast rain keeps dissipating

- to be a desert pilgrim? a tall narrow order
- still can't breath
- smoke in the air
- finally a considerable amount of rain
- on the narrow way one thought —the path widens
- culture duping culture
- autumn air blesses me while walking
- not being but I am
- a short rain shower —now bright sun
- rain showers last night give hope
- visitors will come today, so too I hope rain
- sunshine / still / waiting for rain
- big wind in the night still persists
- decaying vanilla leaf intoxicating

AM FALL

2023

- sore head —go back to bed
- yellow leaves —bright flames on a grey day
- the clouds tell the glory of God
- alone in not aloneness
- nauseous —in bed all day
- preoccupied —out of the sit flow
- I am a different person now
- pulled towards a new practice